

Due to the Christmas holiday this is the last issue of the Child Nutrition Weekly Update for 2012. We will resume distribution in January 2013. Remember: State offices will be closed December 24-26 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day.

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New Civil Rights Training Video



A new Civil Rights training video has been developed. The video and the PowerPoint are available for you to view and/or download at: http://www.screencast.com/t/F4zqa6z5vvvL.

If you have additional questions about Civil Rights please contact your regional consultant.

REMINDER 6 Cents Certification... Notified, Now What?

School Food Authorities (SFA) that have recently been notified that the Certification process has been completed and is now approved for the additional six cents for each reimbursable lunch served, need to access the Child Nutrition Technology System and modify the claim for reimbursement for any months the additional funding has not already been paid.

Please note this does not require a modification of every site in the SFA, only one site is needed. The following steps should be taken in order to receive the additional funding:

Log into the CN Technology System at https://www.ncchildnutrition.org

- 1. Select "Claims"
- 2. Select "Claims-SNP"
- 3. Select "October 2012"
- 4. Select "Add Revision"
- 5. Select "Revise" beside 1 of the sites
- 6. Select "Save" at the bottom of the screen (No changes to existing information is needed)

The SFA will then be prompted to "Continue". Review the Summary that appears on the screen and check the "Certification" box.

The above steps should be repeated for all months that the additional funding has not been issued. The amount of additional funding will be displayed on the Claim Summary report between the total of lunch and breakfast reimbursement.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Johnson at <u>janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov</u> or your Regional Consultant.

REMINDER Certification of Menus - Update and Request

Thank you to those who have submitted your Certification documents over the past few weeks...your submissions have been impressive (and a bit overwhelming to our schedules). We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and assistance as we work with you in completing the certification review process, especially when revisions are required in order to be in compliance with USDA requirements.

Certification of your menus is a time-consuming process and we are all working as quickly as possible to approve your documents and get the additional .06 cents reimbursement turned on. To expedite the process for approval, we ask that you pay very careful attention to each of your certification documents prior to submitting. All information must be consistent across all documents, so please review the menu grid, certification worksheet and nutrient analysis for each distinct menu to ensure that the information contained in each document matches (i.e., components, portion sizes, component contribution, etc. must match between each of the three documents for each distinct menu).

As we plan ahead for December we anticipate that many LEAs and/or facilities will be closed to observe the Christmas holidays. With this in mind, we ask that if you are planning to submit certification documents for menus for the month of November (to be approved by December 31st), that you submit those documents no later than **December 18, 2012** in order to allow Consultants time to review your documents, work with you on revisions and provide you time for re-submission. PLEASE plan ahead and complete the submission of your certification documents as soon as possible if you intend to be certified for November menus. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your Regional Consultant.

Team Up 4 Healthy Learning Workshops

NCAFHK and NCPTA are teaming up over the coming months to present a new series of leadership workshops highlighting the benefits of school wellness efforts and coordinated school health programs. "Team Up 4 Healthy Learning" events will take place in Asheville, Raleigh, and Ahoskie in the coming months. These events will emphasize both physical activity and nutrition matters, and they will incorporate a fun learning environment for all event participants.

For more information please review the attached documents. If you have questions, please contact Tracey Bates at 919.807.3508 or by email at tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov.





RECALL NOTICE

We are aware that the recall notifications we receive may or may not pertain to any public or charter schools in North Carolina. However, we strive to keep you as well informed as possible by posting any recalls that could potentially cause problems in your school meal programs. Please be sure to review the official recall notices at the web locations provided. Should a recall apply to items currently in your inventory, please follow the instructions provided in the recall notice.

Sliced Apples

Freshway Foods is voluntarily recalling 6,671 pounds of sliced apples that were packaged on November 12 using the same packaging machine, which may have been contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. A table of recalled consumer pack products, their respective use-by-dates and the states to which the company shipped them is provided at the link below.

RECALL NOTICE LINK: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm331564.htm

Mark Your Calendar

December 24-26	Christmas Holiday Observed (State offices closed)
January 1, 2013	
January 10	December Claim for Reimbursement Deadline
January 15	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim Deadline
January 13-15, 2013	SNA Child Nutrition Industry Conference (San Antonio, TX)
February 1	On-site Reviews Due (LEAs)
February 10	January Claim for Reimbursement Deadline
February 15	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim Deadline

^{**} REMEMBER – Anytime the 10th falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. Also remember, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any claim for reimbursement that is submitted after the 10th with the "10 day" error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. It is not necessary to contact the Child Nutrition office when you receive the error message in this situation. However, if a claim reimbursement is submitted after the 10th for any other reason, you must contact us. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.